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1. SECURITY SITUATION:

REPORTED COMMUNIST CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS INCREASED TO 13, CONSISTING OF 3 GROUND ATTACKS, 8 ABFS (191 MORTAR ROUNDS) AND 2 HARASSMENTS. FOUR ENGAGEMENTS WERE REPORTED. ELEMENTS OF THE 214 TH REGIONAL FORCE CO. AND SPECIAL MISSION FORCE ELEMENTS RECEIVED ONE ATTACK AND AN ABF OF 30 MORTAR ROUNDS IN THE VICINITY OF BACH MA (ZC068918), THUA THIEN. RESULTS: FRIENDLY 5 WIA; ENEMY UNKNOWN.
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IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE A COMPANY OF THE 114 TH REGIONAL FORCE BN WAS ATTACKED NORTHEAST OF NUI DA TINH (BT064383); RESULTS: FRIENDLY 4 KIA, 3 WIA; ENEMY 10 KIA, TWO B-40 S, 4 AKS, 6 GRENADES AND 6 B-40 ROCKETS LOST. AN ELEMENT OF THE 7(TH RANGER BN RECEIVED AN ABF OF 30 MORTAR ROUNDS 6 1/2 KM SOUTHWEST OF DA TRACH (ZC200346), WITH NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, CO. 2, 109 TH RF BN RECEIVED 40 ROUNDS OF MORTAR AND 10 ROUNDS OF B40 1 KM NORTH-EAST OF MO DUC (BS748547); RESULTS: 4 CIVILIANS WIA.

2. ADDITIONAL REACTIONS TO JOINT CF COMMUNIQUE:

REPORTS FROM PROVINCE POLOFFS CONTINUE TO INDICATE MUTED PUBLIC REACTIONS TO JOINT CF COMMUNIQUE. POLOFF QUANG TIN LIKENED REACTION THERE TO THAT OF AUDIENCE WATCHING TELEVISION RERUN OF LAST YEAR' S CINEMA EXTRAVAGANZA: PEOPLE HAVE THE FEELING THEY' VE SEEN IT ALL BEFORE. POLOFF HUE ALSO REPORTS LITTLE EVIDENCE OF PUBLIC INTEREST IN NEW COMMUNIQUE. ICCS DELEGATES IN HUE WERE ALSO UNIMPRESSED BY COMMUNIQUE AND ITS PROSPECTS FOR IMPROVING PEACE-KEEPING SITUATION. COL MCLEOD, SENIOR MILITARY OFFICER WITH CANDEL AT ICCS REGION I, EXPRESSED OPINION, SEEMINGLY SHARED BY OTHER ICCS TEAM MEMBERS, THAT TPJMC IS ONLY MECHANISM THAT CAN BRING ABOUT REAL CEASEFIRE.

3. MR I FEARS OF TERRITORIAL CONCESSION:

POLOFF HUE REPORTS THAT A NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER FROM THE HUE TV STATION WAS DISPATCHED ON ORDER OF PRESIDENTIAL AIDE HOANG DUC NHA TO FILM AREA AROUND QUANG TRI CITY. THE PHOTOGRAPHER TOLD POLOFF THAT HIS MISSION WAS OCCASIONED BY RUMORS CIRCULATING IN SAIGON THAT AS A RESULT OF HAK- THO TALKS, THE GVN HAD CEDED QUANG TRI CITY AND AREAS OF THE COAST AS FAR SOUTH AS SA HUYNH TO THE COMMUNISTS. THE FILMS ARE TO BE SHOWN ON SAIGON TV TO LAY THOSE RUMORS TO REST.

4. ARMED FORCES DAY:

ARMED FORCES DAY WAS CELEBRATED IN HUE WITH PARACHUTE JUMPING INTO THE PERFUME RIVER AND THE FINALS OF A VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT. DEPUTY CG OF MR IJT LT. GEN. LAM QUANG THI AND THE CG OF THE AIR-BORNE DIVISION, BRIG. GEN. LUONG STARTED THE FESTIVITIES BY JUMPING FROM A CHOPPER AT 3 ,000 FEET AND LANDING IN " GENERAL" VICINITY OF THE TARGET. THOMSEN UNQUOTEWHITEHOUSE

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